THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) No export or import can be made by any person or company without an Importer Exporter Code (IEC) Number. An Importer-Exporter Code Number is granted, on application, by the competent authority in accordance with the procedure specified in Export Import Policy, Handbook of Procedures, Vol. I. If there is any non resident interest in the applicant firm and non resident investment has been made with repatriation benefit, the IEC Code Number is granted only after ascertaining that the firm has obtained necessary approval from Reserve Bank of India.

Once a foreign company has been granted IEC Number, the export and import to be made by the company shall be subject to all the provisions of Export and Import Policy, as applicable on any other company including domestic companies.

Inclusion of some areas of M.P. under IISDS

†2964. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some areas of Madhya Pradesh have also been included under the Integrated Industrial Sector Development Scheme under which development of small scale industry sector is undertaken under the instructions of Government and through loans from S.I.D.B.I.;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes;

(c) whether any case is under consideration under this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) An Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme for the development of Industrial infrastructural in backward districts/rural areas in the country is implemented by the Ministry for Small Scale Industry. Under this Scheme, Central Grant up to Rs. 2.00 crore and loan from Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) upto Rs. 3.00 crore is available for each centre. In case of IID centres for North-East Region the Central Grant can be up to Rs. 4.00 crore and SIDBI loan up to Rs. 1.00 crore. The State Governments are required to select appropriate sites, firm up the proposals and get these appraised from SIDBI for techno-economic viability. On the basis of such recommendations, from SIDBI, the Central Government sanctions IID projects. Two IID projects, one at Village

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Nadantola, District Santa and other at Village Bandol, District Seoni in Madhya Pradesh have already been sanctioned by Government of Inida. While work at Nadantola IID centre is in progress and a Central Grant of Rs. 89.00 lakh has already been released, the implementation of IID Centre at Village Bandol, District Seoni has been abandoned by the State Government.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Two proposals to set up IID Centres one in district Mandsaur and other in District Khargaon are with the Central Government.

Clearance of foreign investment proposals

2965. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared about 45 foreign investment proposals; and

(b) if so, what is the total cost of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. On the recommendations of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board in one of its meetings, 45 foreign investment proposals involving Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of Rs. 1465.00 crore have been cleared.

News-item captioned "67 sectors register low growth in Quarter-I"

†2966. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "67 sectors register low growth in quarter-I" which appeared in the Dainik Business Standard, dated 29th July, 2000;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that during past months of current financial year the development of most of the industrial sector of the country has gone down; and

(c) if so, the names of industrial sectors and the estimated rate of development?

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